

**Subparts B–E [Reserved]**

**Subpart F—Standard Unique Employer Identifier**

SOURCE: 67 FR 38020, May 31, 2002, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 162.600 Compliance dates of the implementation of the standard unique employer identifier.**

(a) *Health care providers.* Health care providers must comply with the requirements of this subpart no later than July 30, 2004.

(b) *Health plans.* A health plan must comply with the requirements of this subpart no later than one of the following dates:

(1) *Health plans other than small health plans*— July 30, 2004.

(2) *Small health plans*— August 1, 2005.

(c) *Health care clearinghouses.* Health care clearinghouses must comply with the requirements of this subpart no later than July 30, 2004.

**§ 162.605 Standard unique employer identifier.**

The Secretary adopts the EIN as the standard unique employer identifier provided for by 42 U.S.C. 1320d–2(b).

**§ 162.610 Implementation specifications for covered entities.**

(a) The standard unique employer identifier of an employer of a particular employee is the EIN that appears on that employee's IRS Form W–2, Wage and Tax Statement, from the employer.

(b) A covered entity must use the standard unique employer identifier (EIN) of the appropriate employer in standard transactions that require an employer identifier to identify a person or entity as an employer, including where situationally required.

**Subparts G–H [Reserved]**

**Subpart I—General Provisions for Transactions**

**§ 162.900 Compliance dates of the initial implementation of the code sets and transaction standards.**

(a) *Health care providers.* A covered health care provider must comply with the applicable requirements of subparts I through N of this part no later than October 16, 2002.

(b) *Health plans.* A health plan must comply with the applicable requirements of subparts I through R of this part no later than one of the following dates:

(1) *Health plans other than small health plans*—October 16, 2002.

(2) *Small health plans*—October 16, 2003.

(c) *Health care clearinghouses.* A health care clearinghouse must comply with the applicable requirements of subparts I through R of this part no later than October 16, 2002.

**§ 162.910 Maintenance of standards and adoption of modifications and new standards.**

(a) *Designation of DSMOs.* (1) The Secretary may designate as a DSMO an organization that agrees to conduct, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, the following functions:

(i) Maintain standards adopted under this subchapter.

(ii) Receive and process requests for adopting a new standard or modifying an adopted standard.

(2) The Secretary designates a DSMO by notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) *Maintenance of standards.* Maintenance of a standard by the appropriate DSMO constitutes maintenance of the standard for purposes of this part, if done in accordance with the processes the Secretary may require.

(c) *Process for modification of existing standards and adoption of new standards.* The Secretary considers a recommendation for a proposed modification to an existing standard, or a proposed new standard, only if the recommendation is developed through a process that provides for the following:

(1) Open public access.

(2) Coordination with other DSMOs.